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MICHIGAN ST. RECONSTRUCTION - UPDATE **U.S. 31 Bypass - Chippewa Ave.**

The City of South Bend announced that Phase 2 of the reconstruction of S. Michigan St., from Chippewa Ave. to the U.S. 31 Bypass, will begin on Thursday, June 14, and continue through August 9, 2007. Michigan is being widened to accommodate increased traffic to South Side shopping centers.

Phase 2 will consist of construction of sidewalks, curbs, drive approaches, street approaches and a portion of the storm sewer system on the *east* side of Michigan St.

Traffic Restrictions:

- North & Southbound traffic on S. Michigan St. will be restricted to the west lanes. A center lane will be maintained to accommodate left turn traffic.
- Access to Walter & Barbie Streets east of S. Michigan will be closed. Access to these streets will be off of Fellows Street.
- Driveway access will be maintained for residents on the east side of S. Michigan who have no alley access behind their homes.
- Access to Chippewa Ave. *west* of S. Michigan will reopen on Thursday, June 14.
- Access to Chippewa Ave. *east* of S. Michigan will remain closed.

****Suggested route for motorists desiring to go eastbound on Chippewa:*** turn east on Donmoyer to Fellows St., then south on Fellows to head back to Chippewa.

- ***Note:*** Access to Ireland Rd. will remain open during this phase.

Phase 3 will consist of construction of sidewalks, curbs, drive approaches, street approaches, and a portion of the storm sewer system on the *west* side of Michigan St., from Chippewa to Ireland Rd., as well as construction on Ireland Rd. between St. Joseph and Michigan St. Phase 3 will continue until project completion.

Access to all area businesses will be maintained throughout the project. Some delays may be expected during rush hours and motorists are asked to drive slowly through the restricted area. We remind motorists that this is a Work Zone area and to please use caution to ensure the safety of the crews working on the road improvements.

This information is also available online at www.southbendin.gov/traffic.